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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
GUSTAVO C. RODRIGUEZ

Serial No.: 09/528,963

Filed: March 21, 2000

FOR: PREVENTION OF OVARIAN CANCER
BY ADMINISTRATION OF PRODUCTS
THAT INDUCE TRANSFORMING
GROWTH FACTOR-BETA AND/OR
APOPTOSIS IN THE OVARIAN
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

TO: Commissioner For Patents

Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits this response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2001.

## AMENDMENTS

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method of formulating a [regimen] composition for preventing epithelial ovarian cancer for administration to a human female subject comprising selecting an agent based on its ability to upregulate TGF-β expression in the ovarian epithelium by testing said agent by treating ovarian epithelial cells through exposure to said agent and determining the resulting expression of TGF-β in the treated ovarian epithelial cells.